

### Pacifism and the Border.

"The nourishment of the pacifists" is the subject of an article in the July Forum. Evidently it refers not to El Paso, for it is blessed little nourishment the professional pacifist would receive round about El Paso. We have heard peace talk here until we have lost all patience; we have been kept watching until our eyes have grown into a condition that we can now only vision green when the subject is mentioned.

We have tried peace for five years; we have tried persuasion as long; we have endured and suffered the same length of time. We have listened to platitudes while we were being robbed; we have been fed on hope while our friends were slain with an axe; we have been cautioned to be charitable while we were being shot at from the back; we have been urged to keep a meek tongue while we were being abused as no nation on the earth has ever been abused without fighting.

We are all of us sick and tired of all this pacifism, jingoism and unamericanism. We have seen or heard of our flag being torn into tatters, spat upon, ground into the dust, until we grew so we could not in spite of ourselves—have the reverence for it that we were taught in youth to have; not because the grand old flag does not stand for red, its azure blue and its snowy white are not as beautiful today as the day it was born into existence, but because the people into whose keeping it has been given, have proved false to their trust, false to Americanism, false to the ideals of manhood.

At last we are at the point where we will break no more of their dilly dallying; at last the nation is aroused; at last the American people are bringing such a pressure to bear upon those in whose hands our fate has been unfortunately placed that we feel we are about to hear something more than the platitudes of pacifists and the cautions of cowardice.

It begins to look as if the American flag would once

more demonstrate to the world what it stands for—a thing every American can shed tears upon, a thing every American may cherish again as he did in childhood—not a thing to be insulted and played with.

### Ride A Hobby.

Ride a hobby. A person who has a hobby is apt to do one thing right at least. Doing one thing right is worth something.

A hobby may be anything that interests you. It may be charity. It may be love of flowers. It may be reading. But whatever it is, give it your best effort and it will be worth your while.

If every person had a hobby, much more would be accomplished in the world.

A man with a hobby invented steam and made it possible for us to have ships that cross the Atlantic in less than five days; railroad trains that run 100 miles an hour.

A man with a hobby discovered electricity and made it possible for us to substitute the midnight Mards for the candle and kerosene.

A man with a hobby invented ether and made it possible for us to suffer and not know it.

Men with hobbies—inventors are men with hobbies—have brought about all the advancements for which the world is thankful today.

True, men with hobbies have invented some of the horrible machines of destruction that are shocking the world with this bloody war of today, but the inventions that have done most for man—and woman—have been far greater than those which have not added to our material well being or happiness.

People with hobbies did it all. Get a hobby and ride it.

Anyway, the militiamen rejected under the physical test retain the satisfaction of having tried to serve their country.

### The Convict and Roads.

Somebody has made a suggestion that we take a lot of islands which lie off the Alaskan coast and convert them into penal settlements for all the convicts of the United States.

There are enough islands to accommodate all the prisoners we have, says the man with the suggestion, and there they could be kept and made self supporting and they could not get away unless they could swim two thousand miles of ice cold water.

At present none of our prisoners are self supporting. Gradually, the modern thinkers are devising systems for working the convicts on roads and otherwise getting something out of them. The old convict farm system has been so abused that it has fallen into disfavor and disrepute. The new Alaskan island idea would have this to combat at the beginning, for there would be a prejudice against trying such a thing for the very reason that previous plans of a similar nature by the different states have been a failure.

Of course, it would take years to bring about the object desired, even if it should prove feasible, and the government would have to start it and ascertain if it is worth while. For a few thousand dollars the government might try one of these penal farms as an experiment; then we would have something to work upon. Nothing is proved good or bad until tried. The states might "fall in" if the scheme worked well. There is hardly any prospect that it would work out successfully, however, and the best plan that now presents itself is to work the convicts on the roads—those of them that are strong enough for such service.

Road work gives the convicts exercise in the open air, keeps lines of communication open, saves the communities the money they ordinarily spend for labor upon road work, and is better for the health of the prisoners than so much confinement inside prison walls. The average prison does not reform a man; rather, it tends to make of him, if he is not already one, a confirmed

criminal. Work out in the open, communion with nature, breathing the free air of the country, is better calculated to make a better man of a prisoner than confinement behind four walls in the day time and inside a small steel cell at night.

### Don't Be Too Serious.

One shouldn't take himself too seriously. This though occurs in connection with a liquor case in the new dry state of Alabama. It seems that the jury acted outrageously in drinking up Exhibit A, the evidence in the case.

That was funny enough, though probably it merited the censure of the court, but funnier still is the solemn comment of the Mobile Register, which concludes as follows:

"We believe that Mobilians condemn in a positive manner the lax notions held by some of the gravity of legal proceedings. Our people cannot afford to look with indifference upon so bold an affront offered to the majesty of the law."

The jury's defence is that the defendant on trial was manifestly not guilty unless Exhibit A was really liquor within the contemplation of the statute. Therefore it was vital to the case for the jury to ascertain, each man for himself, the true nature of the evidence. And how could this be better demonstrated than by taking a swallow—or two?

The editorial writer of the Register, took himself and the world too seriously. Perhaps the jury went to the opposite extreme.

Lieut. Wm. Shaw has even more a sensational high flier than Harry. He has shot down another German airplane.

A good citizen is he who keeps his debts paid, the premises about his home attractive, and his children from annoying the neighbors.

### Short Snatches From Everywhere

Has Gen. Carranza a typewriter?—Brooklyn Times.

Mexico's treasury shows Carranza has nothing to lose.—New York American.

The dove of peace will now have to fly to the north pole to find a resting place.—Grand Rapids News.

However, Mexico was comarally enough to jump on us when Col. Roosevelt had a broken rib.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Mexican situation has the penman races and Europe's little scrap backed off the boards.—Roxville Tribune.

No one takes so little interest in the suffrage question as the women themselves.—Bonner Springs (Kan.) Chief.

Going to war on a motor truck is not as romantic as the old day, but the motor truck delivers the goods.—Grand Rapids News.

If Pancho Villa is not dead, will someone not kindly tell him it has all turned out just as he planned?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Don't worry about the Mexicans attacking this country by invasion. If they should be so foolish Gen. Funston will take care of them.—Tulsa Democrat.

The national guard will probably have Gen. Carranza to thank for bringing it up to its highest standard of efficiency it has ever known.—Albuquerque Journal.

The United States now has its quota of war brides. The Mexican war scare has given a big push to the marriage business all over the country.—Oshkosh (Wis.) North Western.

"Give the women a man's chance," is the slogan of the equal suffragists. Most men will be glad to split fifty-fifty with the other sex. They have been carrying the load for several moons.—Los Angeles Times.

One darned fool boy down in Rusk county, who had no more sense than to follow the government's selection in farming, grew 150 bushels of corn on an acre of ground last year. Lots and lots of the good old practical farmers who followed their own methods, grew as much as 16 bushels.—Bonham (Texas) News.

## Japan Is A Very Small, Restless Nation Wants To Homestead A Claim In The Pacific

by HOWARD L. RANK.

her citizens have to stand on one foot in order to avoid being suffocated. Travelers tell us that it is harder to get around Tokyo in a jitney bus than it is to secure a front seat at a Sunday afternoon revival meeting for men only.

Japan raises one of the most astute and successful varieties of subterranean diplomacy known to the civilized world.

Japan has a very fertile soil and produces more population to the square yard than anywhere else except China, whose inhabitants are obliged to sleep in layers of pig-tailed humanity. Every foot of tillable land in Japan is occupied by people who cannot move in any direction without a head-on collision. A few years ago Japan seized Korea and moved a few million of her almost-eyeless subjects into the same, but her birth rate has now caught up with the disbursements and most of

several expensive battleships. This teaches us that while we should love and respect Japan as a sister nation, it would be well to keep one eye squinted in her direction ever and anon and see that there is plenty of coal in the bunkers.

Japan sends a great deal of her excess baggage to California to teach the natives of that state how to run a truck garden and lay up money. As a result, all over southern California have sprung up luxurious truck gardens presided over by the non-perishing Japanese, who speak several words of English, and live on the humble carrot. The Japanese does not care for luxury and will often be found wearing the same shirt he came over here in, but he is a hard worker and makes as fine a hired girl as anybody could ask for. On this account he should be admitted to this country in small quantities, until the housework problem is completely solved.

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There are several islands in the Pacific on which Japan would like to grow her celebrated brand of Oolong tea.

The action follows a hearing last week before the governor, which arose out of Carranza's refusal to comply with demands several months ago that he relinquish his position. The matter was taken to the courts and Carranza was sustaining in his contentions that the charges upon which his removal was sought were not sufficiently specific.

In the governor's statement, until this morning Carranza of his dismissal, he declares that Carranza had permitted 24 escapes from the institution in little more than a year, costing the state \$29,000; that he permitted extreme and inhuman punishment of inmates, "lashing them with a lash made of two pieces of tin, leather and in some instances have allowed as many as 52 blows to be struck an inmate who was blindfolded, stretched over a horse's head, his feet tied and protected only with thin tickling trousers which were being stretched tight over his body by one of the guards." Other instances he alleged showed that boys had been beaten so severely that they lost control of themselves, and "one fainted."

He charges further that he found the inmates had been furnished diseased and spoiled meat.

### FIFTEEN CONVICTED MEN AWAIT OFFICER'S ARRIVAL

Fifteen prisoners who received sentences during the May term of the 34th district court will be shortly taken to the state penitentiary. The date of the arrival of the penitentiary agent has not been learned here, but all preparations have been made for his arrival.

Among the prisoners are Donald Mackey, convicted of the murder of Scott Vance, an El Paso & Northwestern conductor, on Nov. 24, 1915, and given five years in the penitentiary. Mackey was denied a new trial and then gave notice of appeal. Recently he withdrew the notice, indicating that he desired to serve his sentence.

The other defendants are Jose Ontiveros, G. Garcia, Juan Gandara, Roman Guerra, Emeterio Garcia, Isidro Gonzalez, Conrado Alvarez, Eduardo Verdugo, Manuel Sabola, Alvaro Rios, Alfredo Martinez, William Hemison, Frank Metz and Francisco Sanchez.

### W. E. BARNES, ILL OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO, IS GETTING BETTER

W. E. Barnes, traveling freight and passenger agent of the S. P. railway, is seriously ill in the Southern Pacific general hospital at San Francisco, but is improving, according to friends received here by his friends. Mr. Barnes at present has headquarters at Tucson, but was formerly stationed at El Paso, Torreon and Mexico City and is well known to the traveling public and to shippers throughout Mexico and the southwest and his many friends will be pleased to know that he is improving.

### POLICE FIND WOMAN WITH LONG GASH CUT IN FACE

Answering a call to 1526 Myrtle avenue last night, a Mexican woman who had been severely cut, was being taken to the hospital. Police officers Tuesday night found Eugenia Duran, who resides on Canal street, with several painful cuts on her face. The woman was taken to the emergency hospital and given medical attention, where it was necessary to take 25 stitches in one long gash along the left side of the face.

The woman was unable to give a description of her assailant stating that he was a tall man who wore a hat, and that she thought he was a soldier.

### GIRL TRIES TO EMBRACE W. H. STAIR; GETS HIS CASH

W. H. Stair, an engineer at Ft. Bliss, reported to the police Tuesday night that he had been robbed of \$20 in cash and a small amount in silver while walking on Broadway between Oregon street and Mesa avenue about 5:30 o'clock.

Stair said that he was approached by a young woman who attempted to embrace him, and who then fled down an alley. He then felt in his vest pocket, he said, and discovered the loss of his money.

A description of the woman was given to the officers and the victims of the robbery was searched in an effort to find her.

The two new Mexican senators, Thomas R. Catron and Herbert D. Fall, are rated as millionaires, their interests being in cattle and mines. Fall owns mines in Mexico and has been the leading pleader for intervention.

## Abe Martin



Speakin' o' rivers an' harbors, nobuddy would kick on a pork barrel for highways an' byways. Some married men are supremely happy an' others like t' take a hand in th' selection o' their socks.

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### Do You Know That

It's worry, not work, which shortens life.

A cold bath ever morning is the best complexion remedy.

Poor health is expensive.

The U. S. Public Health Service has reduced malaria 60 per cent in some localities.

The death rate from typhoid fever in the United States has been cut in half since 1900.

Pneumonia kills over 120,000 Americans each year.

Pleasant towns have few funerals.

## Mayor Likes The Idea of Flying School Watermelon Season Brings Texas's Finest

"I AM glad to see that the chamber of commerce has been successful in bringing an airplane school to El Paso," said Mayor Tom Lea. "El Paso, by reason of her location and atmospheric conditions is the proper place for a school for flyers."

The city is strategically located from a military standpoint and the flyers here will be in a military atmosphere that will bring about the best results. It is hoped, of course, that those who take up flying will do so with a view to being of service to their country should the need arise."

"The Sierra Blanca country is badly in need of rain," said county commissioner J. M. Walling. "It has been many weeks since a drop of rain fell and the ranges are short of water and dry. There is considerable suffering among stock. The lack of rain has also resulted in making the new roads built in that part of the county very dusty."

"Every person I met while on my vacation in Hot Springs, Ark., wanted to know something about El Paso, and the conditions of the country around here," said C. F. McDonald. "All of them wanted me to be sure to send them literature about this city as soon as I returned, and I did so. El Paso's climate, its opportunities and advantages and its prosperity is being talked of all over the south, and there are scores of people heading for the west who have arranged their tickets to stop over here. I saw a great many people who, after having visited El Paso, were enthusiastic about our city."

"The watermelon season is now in full bloom. There are many carloads

of melons arriving in El Paso every day consigned to local markets," said A. R. Jones. "There is hardly a day but from two to five cars come in and are rapidly unloaded and disposed of. Most of the larger melons are shipped here from eastern Texas, although some come from California."

"It is still dry in New Mexico," said John Snyder, ranchman and cattle operator of Alamogordo, who said he was not such a great deal off in condition. "You could not buy them now on the basis that they are at all off in condition. Around Alamogordo we are not suffering so much, but down in the southwestern part of the county the country is exceedingly dry. I think, however, that the reports of loss in that section even have been exaggerated."

"I am sorry that my business engagements did not give me time to pay a visit to the boys of battery A of the New Mexico national guard," said Hoy Ammerman, of Roswell. "That is a very fine military organization, and is a credit to New Mexico. Capt. De Remond has had the best of military training, and he is perfectly at home now. He is very thorough in the instruction and training of the men of the battery."

"I am opposed to extending the ballot to women," said Mrs. Walter Stowe. "With her womanly influence a woman can vote a thousand times without the ballot, where with the ballot she can only vote once and then probably to lose and this one vote is obtained at a sacrifice women will deeply regret later. Where women only have voted

upon the question of suffrage, only one percent have voted for it." Mrs. Stowe has written a book against suffrage but she believes that a municipal and a woman just as other people in the community, should have well defined ideas about all which vitally concern the city, community and nation in which she resides. Mrs. Stowe's father was a Mills of the Roger Q. Mills branch.

"At present financial conditions are better than ever," said U. S. Stewart. "It is true the drought is causing some untoward conditions on the uplands, but hope is still held out for bumper crops this year in the valleys. Remember, the usual summer rain last year did not come until July 15. If there is a shortage of crops it will mean better prices. Alfalfa is already selling at \$4 more than the price last year. Merchants report good collections and business and there are few loans being requested. Cattle are suffering some, but will be quickly revived as soon as the rains begin."

"The constitution and bylaws of the Egg Circle of the El Paso valleys will soon be drafted and El Pasoans may get ready to buy some real tested country eggs," said A. G. Graham, county farm demonstrator. The Egg Circle plans to have cooperative production to sell only the freshest products and to place on the market eggs at a reasonable price. Hereafter the Kinman City middle dealers have been required to place only eggs that cannot be absolutely guaranteed. The Egg Circle will have a selling agent and every egg from the circle will be tested thoroughly."

### SPORT SMOCK IS SENSIBLE GARMENT

By LA RAconteuse.

The sport smock is indeed a sensible investment, because it can readily be worn over any skirt. These garments are

### LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

#### TIERED OF "PEACE" TALK.

Editor El Paso Herald: I see that one Dr. Jordan came to El Paso to preach peace to a peaceable people, who have seen their countrymen murdered and robbed for the last five years.

The writer doesn't know as much about international law as a hog knows about Sunday, but I do know the great law of nature is self protection, and that is all we ask for, and we are going to have it if by force of arms. It would be a Godsend to the common people of Mexico if Uncle Sam would send 200,000 soldiers into Mexico, and advise our peace lectures to go to Europe where they may not attention to international law.

It may be that they could do some good there. Here on the border of Mexico peace talk is a failure. We want peace in Mexico, and we have waited for peace in Mexico, for the last five years. Experience has taught us that our people have been murdered and robbed by the wholesale. We are tired of it, and it must come to a halt.

Ben C. Moore.

#### MRS. HADLEY GOES FREE; HUSBAND GETS LIFE TERM

Muskogee, Okla., June 28.—On the ground that she is insane, a jury in the district court here found Mrs. Ida Hadley not guilty on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of sheriff Jake Giles, of Beaumont, Texas. Her husband, Paul Hadley, who was with her when Giles was killed, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Giles was shot and killed while on a railway train near Muskogee, several weeks ago. He was taking Hadley, a prisoner, to Texas to face charges following the latter's arrest in Kansas City. Mrs. Hadley had been given permission to accompany her husband.

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### Quitting A Job

I SAID, "My wages are too low; I've worked away, the best I know, since I was young and hale, and my employer never cries, 'Oh, James Adolphus, you're a prize, I'll see you draw more kale.' I know his business will go broke, when I throw off the galling yoke that I so long have worn; without my rare abilities, when comes that frost, how great treasure he has lost; he'll beg me to return; and now I'll quit this office chair, and get a situation where more rubies I can earn." So I resigned, with language brief; my boss's face showed great relief, instead of pain and woe; he cried aloud, "Oh, happy day! It's long since you have earned your pay—I'm glad to see you go!" He's doing business as of yore; things boom in his department store, his goods are all the rage; while I plod on, with sigh and sob, and vainly try to get a job at half my former wage.

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